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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISIT TO EGYPTIAN PORTS

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1. IN COURSE OF MEETING WITH GAMASY LAST EVENING, OSD/ISA ASSIST SEC MCGIFFERT THANKED THE GENERAL FOR PERMITTING U.S. NAVAL VISITS TO ALEXANDRIA. THESE WERE A GREAT HELP TO THE U.S. NAVY AND MCGIFFERT ASKED IF GAMASY HAD ANY PROBLEMS WITH THEM. GAMASY NOTED GOE HAD AGREED TO HAVE EIGHT U.S. NAVAL VISITS A YEAR. HE THOUGHT THE VISITS HAD GONE WELL AND HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THEM.

2. THIS GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE MATTER OF CURRENT EGYPTIAN POLICY WITH RESPECT TO NUCLEAR POWERED
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WARSHIP VISITS. I RECALLED WE HAD HAD ONE SUCH VISIT LAST YEAR, WHICH I HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM IN ADVANCE, AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISIT IN 1978. WE HAD HEARD OF THE RECENT GOE EXCHANGE WITH THE BRITISH ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSIT OF THE NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE DREADNOUGHT. WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE MFA NOTE FORBIDDING THE DREADNOUGHT TO TRANSIT THE SUEZ CANAL HAD

ALSO MENTIONED A TEMPORARY BAN ON NPVS ENTERING EGYPTIAN PORTS. HAD THERE INDEED BEEN A CHANGE IN EGYPTIAN POLICY ON THIS MATTER?

3. GAMASY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT GOE HAS FORBIDDEN NPVS TO TRANSIT THE SUEZ CANAL FOR REASONS OF SAFETY. HE DENIED THAT THERE IS ANY PROHIBITION ON NPVS VISITING ALEXANDRIA. HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO OUR SENDING ANOTHER SUCH VESSEL TO ALEXANDRIA ON A VISIT IN 1978. HE DID SUGGEST THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BAN ON NPV TRANSITS OF THE CANAL, SUCH VESSELS WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER PORT SAID. EILTS

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